

FOR PEACE WITH FREEDOM

A Call for Public Action

Americans must make plain to the entire world their support of the United States commitment in Vietnam. This is no longer merely a question for domestic debate over national policy. Across the world, friend and foe alike are watching intently to gauge the strength of our national purpose. The consensus, which is clear to all experienced observers, must not be obscured by the behavior of a small segment of our population. They have the right to be heard, but they impose on the rest of us the obligation to make unmistakably clear the nation's firm commitment to these just purposes:

—to help the people of South Vietnam resist subversion, hit-and-run terror, and foreign military intervention plotted, directed, and supplied from the North.

—to demonstrate that the aggressors and subverters cannot win, that Communist doctrines of guerrilla warfare and wars of national liberation will not succeed against a determined people with firm allies.

—to seek the end of the war by negotiation or other honorable means not in conflict with our obligations.

—to get on as rapidly as possible with more constructive tasks in Southeast Asia—healing the scars of war, laying foundations for a better future for all the people of the region, and building peace with freedom.

In supporting these aims, the American consensus gives its full backing to our fellow countrymen who are charged with the delicate and dangerous tasks of carrying them out in Vietnam. Only when the essential unity that exists on these points is hammered home will the aggressors consider withdrawal. The achievement of this goal will require both words and action. Action not by the few, but by the many, by the majority itself. Action that will ring as loudly in Peking as in Peoria, that will be understood in Hanoi as in Houston. Action that will bespeak the national resolution that carried us through even greater perils in the recent past. Here are constructive actions in which all concerned Americans can participate:

SPEAK UP—by taking a personal part in local discussions of the issues at stake in Vietnam.
—by voicing personal convictions to Senators and Congressmen, by letter, telegram or in person.

—by signing and circulating throughout the community, for other signatures, the following resolution addressed to the President of the United States:

We, as Americans, renew our dedication to the achievement of peace with freedom. To this end, we declare our support of the American commitment in Vietnam and resolve that whatever national resources are required shall be devoted to its fulfillment.

CONTRIBUTE—by giving now to the voluntary agencies working in South Vietnam.

These agencies are helping to relocate war refugees, aiding orphaned and injured children, rebuilding homes and villages, equipping farms, building and operating hospitals, increasing the availability of medical care, educating young people and training adults. These tasks cannot wait until the fighting stops. Contributions should be set directly to the voluntary agency of your choice.

To reach every American with this program is a tremendous task. But it can be done if the civic, labor, business, religious and community organizations of this country play their part . . . spread the word . . . channel gifts to voluntary agencies . . . enlist signatures for the resolution of support. Thus we can demonstrate our dedication to the cause of peace with freedom—so vital to our own country and to the free world.



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